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Gov. Easley Announces 100 New Jobs And \$1.55 Million Investment For Halifax County

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Window Fashion Resource, a producer of custom-made blinds, shutters, draperies and window treatments, will locate its first manufacturing facility in Littleton, creating 100 new jobs and bringing an investment of \$1.55 million to the area.

“Today’s announcement means 100 new jobs for 100 hardworking citizens of our state,” Easley said. “Window Fashion Resource’s decision to locate its first manufacturing facility in North Carolina is proof that our investment in our workforce, education and infrastructure are paying off.”

Window Fashion Resource is locating its manufacturing operation in an existing structure within the Littleton town limits. Construction will begin in October and the company plans to be operational by early 2005. The new jobs will include light manufacturing and assembly positions. Workers will receive an average salary of \$487 a week.

Today’s announcement was made possible with the help of the N.C. Department of Commerce and the One North Carolina Fund, as well as support from Golden LEAF, Halifax County, Halifax County Business Horizons, the town of Littleton, the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce and North Carolina’s Northeast Partnership. In addition, Window Fashion Resource was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the One N.C. Fund. Through the use of this fund, about 12,000 jobs and \$1 billion in investment have been created across the state since 2001.

“The tireless work of all the agencies supporting this project verifies what private enterprise and government can do together to bring continued prosperity to North Carolina,” said Don Yauger, corporate president of Window Fashion Resource. “The incentives provided and the genuine interest from all involved is why we chose North Carolina for our new manufacturing facility.”

Window Fashion Resource is the sister company of Sandy’s Drapery Inc., which was established in 1974 and is headquartered in Fremont, Calif. Sandy’s Draperies has 75 employees and produces custom-made draperies and window treatments. Items produced at Window Fashion Resource, such as those produced at their California facility, will be sold for consumer and commercial use to retail stores and interior designers.

For additional information about Window Fashion Resource, contact the NC Department of Commerce at 919/733-3438.

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